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CENTRAL FOOD TRAINING RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open branches of the Mysore based Central Food Training Research Institute in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any programme for development of post-harvest technologies for fruits and vegetable sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): While the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI),Mysore has already six regional centers located at Ludhiana, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Hyderabad, and Mangalore besides aliaison office at Bangalore, there are no plans to open up more branches of CFTRI.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The plan schemes operated by the Department of Food ProcessingIndustries are for the development of processed food sector. One of the schemes envisages financial assistance for Research & Development facilities for Food ProcessingIndustries including fruit & vegetable processing sector. Under this scheme a Food Engineering Centre has been set up in CFTRI, Mysoreto meet the demand of the industry in the following areas :

(i) development of new products.

(ii) development, scale up and optimization of processes.

(iii) solving in-plant problems and trouble shooting.

(iv) preparation of technical reports, design data for plant & machinery.

(v) specialized in-plant training programmes.

(vi) turn-key assignments for total projects.

CFTRI has developed some innovative techniques/technologies in thefield of post harvest management which include modified atmosphere packaging, controlled atmospheric packaging, anti-fungal paste and waste emulsion treatment etc.